



# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Embassy of the United States of America

Re: Status of Highland Mist Mine, Anasazi Gold Reserves, Highland Mist Mine, S/021/0035, Iron County, Utah

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am the manager of the minerals regulatory program for the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. I understand, though I have not verified, that Cornerstone Industries has recently purchased property in Iron County, Utah, which contains the Highland Mist mine (permit number S/021/0035).

The site was originally permitted in 2005, and mining activity began shortly thereafter. Disturbance on this land is now about 11.5 acres, and it includes an ore stockpile which covers about one acre. In an inspection report dated April 24, 2009, the inspector for the Bureau of Land Management estimated there was at least 50,000 cubic yards of stockpiled/crushed material. Mining for the existing stockpile apparently occurred in 2009.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining considers the stockpiled material to be a reclamation liability and supports efforts to have the material removed from the site and used in some way.

I understand Juxian Chen, representing Changle City Zhonghe Technology and Development Company Limited, desires to enter the United States to visit the site and verify the stockpile's existence before acquiring it. Any conscientious purchaser would want to confirm the claims of a seller and the quantity and quality of something he was considering buying. For the company to have an employee visit the site to verify the seller's claims makes good business sense. In light of this, I can support Mr. Chen's visit to the extent that it is necessary for facilitating removal of the material from the mine site and reducing the reclamation liability, assuming that the company has no one currently in the United State that could do this.

Please contact me by telephone at 801-538-5261 or by electronic mail at [paulbaker@utah.gov](mailto:paulbaker@utah.gov) if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely

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